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which no man may stand.

Yet, withal, the great interests of the country extend no hope to Democracy in the crisis. Desiring to be left alone to their selfish devices, they prefer restricted prosperity to the disasters certain to attend the introduction of free trade, free silver and government ownership of railroads.

The struggle must be in the Republican party, and what a plethora of material! Taft, Hughes, Knox, Root—What man of the Democrats compares in stature with one of these?

If "elastic currency" bears any relation to the contraction in the purchasing power of a nickel, as measured in ice since the warm weather began, we begin to understand the subject.

There's a decided change of tone at Washington in regard to the Japs. Complaints that treaty rights were violated at San Francisco, because Japanese children were discriminated against in the schools, received prompt attention from the administration, as becomes one friendly power, jealous of its honor in respect to treaties with another. But now the Japanese press has assumed a bellicose attitude and querulous complaints that Japs are assaulted by mobs in San Francisco, a city in the throes of a labor riot, with its highest officials and police under indictment and chaos reigning in all departments of the municipal government. At the same time, it is said, Japs are sneaking across our borders by hundreds. Washington, no doubt, grows tired of the pettishness of the orientals, especially since Americans and all foreigners receive such scant recognition in the orient. The Japs have grown a trifle cocky over their defeat of Russia, and America's prompt response to their complaints.

Must we fight this tariff fight all over again? Must we recall the free soup experience of more than a decade ago? Must we repeat the story of the European laborer, who gets 50 cents a day and rears his family on black bread, with meat once a week, with whom American laborers would have to compete, if the European products were brought into our ports free of duty? Must we point out again the ill clad, half starved and illiterate immigrant workmen running away by millions from free trade Europe to the protection of America? American manufacturers that have subjugated the world, were fostered under a protective tariff. From the time of the war of 1812, when our foreign commerce was cut off, we began to make our own goods. It has been the American policy. We shall hardly entrust revision of the tariff to men, who avowedly don't wish any tariff at all.

At any rate, the president of the Philadelphia & Reading is not a Teddy Baer.

Mrs. Howard Gould is wanting \$250,000 a year alimony. Both of them seem to have been leading wanton lives up to this time. Howard says he don't care if she continues wanton.

Many a serious thing is said in jest. Sometimes the most serious consequences follow a joke. Once in a while we Americans take our humor seriously after the manner of the British. Certainly, we must give the humorists credit for the latest crusade of the interstate commerce commission, against the Pullman car rates. Every change has been rung on the comic experiences of passengers in the upper berth. Verse-makers, cartoonists and joke-smiths have vied with each other, until, at last, the government has taken up the question of rates. It may be some official has laid for three hours in an upper berth in a train shed on a summer's night before reading the jokes.

Let all epicures take heed. "Dandy Jim" is dead. "Dandy Jim" was a dog whose mistress, the late, lamented Ellen Ann Griffin, spinster, allowed her errant affections to stray from their natural inclination to cats and parrots and settle on this unfortunate canine and cut short his promising career before its time.

"Too fat to breathe," was the last word of the veterinary; for finally after a year of almost human profligacy, "Dandy Jim" got sick as dogs do and the regular kind of doctor could do him no good.

"Dandy Jim" was a good dog, until his mistress died and left him \$10,000. Then he lived like a Pittsburgh millionaire. Chicken and mayonnaise and salmon, champagne lapped up from a dish and lack of exercise combined to wreck a constitution that would have thrived on corn cake and bones of beef in the back yard.

There's a moral in this tale somewhere. Perhaps some epigrammatist may put in our mouths the words our thoughts would be moulded into.

It may be "You can't make a duke out of a dog." Or, maybe, it may turn on the idea that beasts are abstemious according to their kind, until man—white man—teaches them the wickedness Adam learned when Eve gave him the apple.

Isn't our respect for the internal organism of the human species heightened by contemplation of the fact, that the stuff we gorge ourselves with daily killed a dog?

Well, any combination of involving an Adam and an Orchard is bound to spell death for somebody.

## ANCIENT GAME

SOMETHING OF ORIGIN OF THE  
NATIONAL SPORT.Baseball Annals Are Always Inter-  
esting to Fans—History and  
Development.

Real baseball is over sixty-one years old. But the origin of the "national game" is more in dispute than the etymology of the term "fan." The veteran journalist, Henry Chadwick, popularly known as the "father of baseball," who is English-born, contends that baseball, while an American sport, had its origin in the game played by the English school-boy called "founders." "The basic principle of both games," Mr. Chadwick argues, "is the use of a bat, a ball and bases." But it is a short bat and a soft ball, and the player, on hitting the ball, endeavors to make a circuit—a round—of all the bases—in our vocabulary, a home run. As a clincher, Mr. Chadwick says that, when debating the question with Albert G. Spalding, there entered the room a devotee of sport, Andrew Peck, whose name, coupled with that of his partner, Snyder, was known to most American boys of twenty years ago in connection with a popular style of ice skates.

"When did you begin to play baseball?" inquired Mr. Spalding.

"In the latter part of the forties," replied Mr. Peck, "about 1847 or 1848."

"What was the game called then?"

"Why, 'rounders,'" said Mr. Peck.

But to this day, Mr. Spalding, proud Yankee to the core, is unconvinced. Undoubtedly the foreign taint in baseball bothered him not a little for a time, but he disposed of it to his satisfaction in the spring of 1859, when he visited Liverpool, after a tour of the British colonies, with the Chicago and All-American baseball teams. Throughout the trip English subjects had chided him with the antecedent of the American national game, so he issued a challenge to the champion rounder club of Great Britain, which was promptly accepted. By the terms of the agreement the British champions were to play a one-inning rounder match (two innings make a full game) with a team of eleven men picked from the American "baseballers," as the Englishmen called them, and then there was to be a five-inning game of baseball. As "feeder" (pitcher) for his "eleven," Mr. Spalding was given a leather-covered sphere about the size of a golf ball and rather soft. The rounder batsman faced him with a miniature cricket bat—a cross between a potato masher

and a penholder. A high ball was "fouled"—as the Yankees called it—but the referee declared it a fair hit, and as the batter made a circuit of the four boundary posts before the ball was recovered, he scored four runs. The next batsman repeated the trick, and there was a total of eight runs to the credit of the Englishmen. Then, "Feeder" Spalding resorted to low balls close to the batsman's body, and only three more runs were made before the eleven British champions were put out, and the inning was over. These last runs resulted from the failure of an American to hit one of the champions with the ball, as the rules permit.

In their half of the inning, the Yankees were inclined at first to try to "line out" the ball, and the results were disastrous. But soon they got the hang of batting with one hand, and scored eight runs before the eleven men were retired. This left them three runs behind.

The baseball game was an entirely different story. Three Englishmen struck out, and then the Americans went to bat. Thirty-five men crossed the plate, and still the side had not been retired. Because of physical exhaustion both teams were content that the match be declared off. Thus the first inning in the base ball game was never finished; yet the score stood 8 to 0 in favor of the Americans.—Success.

Merely a Listener.



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Application was made in the common pleas court at Springfield, O., for a receiver for the Farmers' Cooperative Harvesting Machine company. The company was organized three years ago by William N. Whiteley, a well known agricultural implement manufacturer.

Several hundred prominent business men of Norfolk went to the Jamestown exposition and engaged in hard manual labor, assisting in the general cleaning up of the grounds prior to the arrival of President Roosevelt and the Georgia-day celebration.

In connection with his wife's suit for damages against certain officers at West Point, Lieut. Col. Charles G. Ayres has made the charge that he has been warned that his friendship for Maj. Gen. Wood would cost him his commission in the army.

The statement of the New York clearing house banks for the past week shows that the banks hold \$5,980,525 more than the legal reserve requirements. This is a decrease of \$6,801,925 as compared with the previous week.

A petition will be presented to Governor Hughes for the pardon of Thomas Jackson, of Frankfort, who was convicted in New York of highway robbery, and it is believed he is innocent of the crime charged.

President Seymour, of the Alabama division of the Cotton Growers' association, gives out a statement in which he shows that the condition of cotton at this time is not much above 50 per cent.

A movement is on foot in New York for the erection in Washington The W. M. Ritter Lumber company, of Maben, W. Va., with several of its employees, has been indicted by the federal grand jury at

Charleson on the charge of peonage.

of a building for a great national gallery of the fine arts, for which congress will be asked to appropriate at least \$5,000,000.

John W. Yerkes had a conference with Chief Chemist Wiley, of the department of agriculture regarding the pending question of labeling whisky.

The Rev. D. W. Fisher, for twenty years president of Hanover (Ind.) college, will on next Tuesday tender

his resignation to the board of trustees.

The Philippine commission has enacted a law prohibiting the sale or gift of intoxicants to non-Christian tribes on the islands.

Congressman Sherman, of New York, delivered himself of a little third term talk in Washington on Saturday.

Giacomo Puccini has decided to compose the music for an opera based on his life of Marie Antoinette. The libretto will be prepared by Illica Schuman.

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